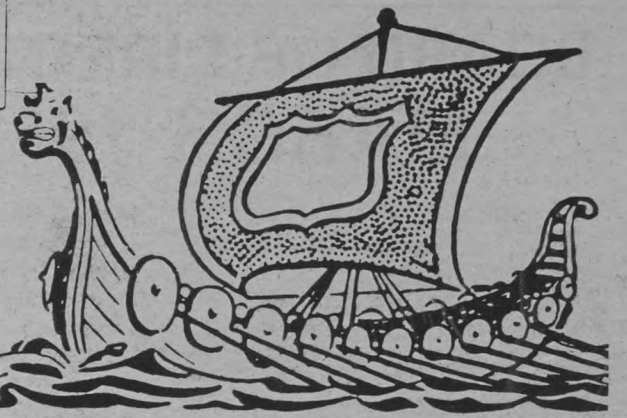


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VOYAGE RELIVED

by Sig Sorenson

The Leif Erikson voyage, and his discovery of North America, were relived again during our sod-turning and Klondike Days in Edmonton.

The Viking Ship was launched in grand style on Saturday, July 17th, off the

west coast of Southern Greenland (actually a warehouse in north-west Edmonton). The crew saw to it that it was well stocked with refreshments.

The boat was lifted into the water by Odd Espeland, while the crew - Harv Haugen, Per Nielsen, Gary



Eileen Peterson, Astrid Hope, Chris Osterlund, Ben Osterlund, Susanne Balslov, as the ship stops for provisions in Newfoundland

GENEROUS GIFT FROM IKEA

by Astrid Hope

On the afternoon of July 3rd Ikea presented a hand-carved Dala horse to the Scandinavian Centre. Astrid Hope, Centre cultural director, accepted it, along with a special plaque, from Rick Skistod, Assistant Manager.

Lars Fahlstrom, Swedish Consul, was present at the ceremony, and Sig and Selma Sorenson were also on hand to promote our new Scandinavian Centre. Rick Skistod responded by purchasing a share on the spot.

Ikea, the well-known home of Swedish-design furnishings, commissioned Harry Huser to carve the Dala horse for the store during the Christmas season as part of their aim to maintain Swedish tradition. Dalarna, a province of Sweden, is the country's most purely peasant region — at least it is more conscious of its rural traditions, and is more inclined to dress up in the old costumes and make the most of its folklore. This province is the source of the orange-red hand-carved toy — the Dala horse. It is now a popular souvenir which has come to symbolize Sweden's rustic past. Prosperity and good luck come to the owner of a Dala.

July 1st, 2nd and 3rd were the designated dates for Harry to do the decorative painting at the store for the public to observe. There were certainly mixed reactions on seeing the Dala — one lady hugged it vigorously around the neck; several children tried to climb up on it; others just tried to touch it — much to Harry's dismay — nice fresh paint all smudged!

Hundreds of people signed Ikea's official petition to the Guinness World Book of Records for the largest carved horse in captivity. It is five feet tall and twelve inches in width — orange-red in colour.

Ikea decided that the best home for the Dala horse would be the new Scandinavian Centre, and we are most grateful for such a generous gift.



Mayor Cec Purves and President Eileen Peterson turn sod



Vera Nielsen and Sig Sorenson at the sod-turning

VERA'S DONE IT AGAIN!

Vera Nielsen, our Flight Director, continues to be our biggest money-maker! The Board received a cheque from Vera for the Charter Flights for \$7,700.00! That's quite an amount to go towards our new Centre. We hope that all shareholders will show their appreciation by selling their two shares right away if they haven't already done so.

We know it took a lot of your time and a lot of work, Vera, and we all thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Dear Shareholder:

To all of you who have sold your two shares, A VERY SINCERE THANK YOU.

If you have not sold those two shares yet, please try to do so as soon as you read this letter. The Centre is counting on your support more than you realize. We must all do our share, or we Scandinavians will not have a Centre.

Instead of writing to you individually, I am using our Scandinavian News to save you money. To mail one letter to each shareholder would cost approximately \$1,000.

When I write to you next month I hope I can report that we have gone over the top and sold over 10,000 shares.

Good selling!

Sig Sorenson, Campaign Chairman.

Johnson, Pentti Sipari and Rick Haugen - pushed the ship further out into the deep, cold Atlantic. The fair maidens - Gunn Espeland and Selma Sorenson - duly christened the ship and bid the sailors "God Tur" as the Vikings started their long voyage of discovery.

On their first landing on the northern shore of Newfoundland on July 20th (the site of the new Scandinavian Centre — 17456 - 102 Avenue in Edmonton) they were welcomed and addressed by a Native Chief (who turned out to be Mayor Cec Purves). However, being adventurous people, the Vikings paused only for a short time to watch a furrow turned by a plow, handled by the Native Chief and a President, and pulled by two Norwegian Fjord Horses, and to stock up on provisions, before sailing on to make many more landings along the Atlantic coastline (actually the Klondike Parade route) on July 21st.

Sometimes they fought the natives with their broadswords; sometimes they fought among themselves; sometimes they made love to the fair ladies; but always along the way they gathered loot (\$50 shares and \$5,000 loans).

Having gathered enough loot, they decided to return to the shores where they had been greeted so warmly by Chief Purves. And so they began to build the Long Houses, which Helge Ingstad has so recently discovered, and renamed them THE NEW SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE.

So that these adventurous Vikings will always be remembered in our history books, I hereby record the entire crew:

Per Nielsen; Pentti Sipari; Rick Haugen; Susanne Balslov; Jim Kureluk; Jeffrey Nielsen; Martine Partridge; Gary Johnson; Lindsay Peterson; Barry Johns; Gunn Espeland; Astrid Hope; Michelle Johnson; Melanie Johns; Ben Osterlund; Chris Osterlund; Allan Partridge; Siri Berland; Michael Nielsen; and Ann-Marit Johnson.

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SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

It has been a hectic two months since the last paper was mailed, with the Board and all the Committees meeting a number of times.

FUND-RAISING:

Our brochures and applications were ready in time to kick off our fund-raising drive for the new Scandinavian Centre on June 28th, and you should have had your kit for a couple of weeks now.

It has been drawn to our attention that some shareholders are under the impression that we are asking them to each buy another share. That is DEFINITELY not the case. What we ARE asking our shareholders to do is to SELL two shares, and to encourage those two new shareholders to also sell two shares each.

If you wish to buy another share yourself, we will of course appreciate it tremendously, but that is not the purpose of the campaign.

We urge you to sell your two shares just as quickly as possible — and remember — for every two shares you sell your name is entered in the draw for free air-fare for two to Scandinavia. If you sell four shares, your name goes into the draw twice, and so on.

The deadline for this paper was July 15th, and as of that date we had 30 new shareholders.

SOD-TURNING:

On July 20th the sod for our new Centre was turned in a unique manner when, two beautiful Norwegian Fjord Horses pulled a plow 'directed' by Mayor Cec Purves and President Eileen Peterson, to turn a furrow on our new site.

Our Viking ship was there, along with its crew, and somewhere around fifty-five shareholders gathered to watch the ceremony and enjoy coffee and kringle.

Major Purves and Alderman Olivia Butti congratulated us and offered words of encouragement; Harv Haugen acted as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Our supply of pictures for this issue was limited by time, but we will have a number of them for the September issue.

VIKING SHIP:

Our Viking ship was mobilized by a group who worked long hours for many weeks, among them Per Nielsen, Pentti Sipari, Harv Haugen, Gary Johnson, Harry Huser, Odd Espeland, and Susanne Balslov, and to all of them we give our sincere gratitude. The marvelous dragon-head was carved and painted by Harry Huser.

A special bronze plaque picturing the ship will be inscribed with the names of those who gave up so much of their free time in this endeavour for the Centre, and this plaque will hang in a prominent place in our new building.

KLONDIKE DAYS:

Our ship, our Vikings, and our long-legged maidens (as well as some of our children) entertained the thousands who lined the parade route. See the front page for the names of those who got soaked in the rain but didn't complain.

You will be pleased as we were to know that we won Second Prize in the Regional-Commercial category, and Third Prize in the Ethnic category. Not bad for the first time out!

HERITAGE DAYS:

Since this issue has to go to the printer before August 1st we will not be able to report on this annual fun event until the next issue. However, our ship will be there, and so will our Vikings and maidens. Don't miss it if you're in town!

OUR SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THIS NEWSPAPER

**C. Marie Lindahl
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DONATION TO THE BUILDING FUND

Mrs. Ada Skarin, whose husband, Emil, participated in the sod-turning ceremony for the first Scandinavian Centre, has donated \$100.00 to our Building Fund; we thank her sincerely for her generous gesture.



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VOYAGE RELIVED



On the Atlantic



Vicious Viking Gary Johnson accosts an evil chicken assisted by Ann-Marit Johnson and Jeffrey and Michael Nielsen



Part of the crew at a stop on the coast



Pentti vanquishes a dangerous barbarian



And a short rest — Lindsay Peterson, Susanne Balslov and Rick Haugen



Looking for loot — the Nielsen boys learn from Gary and Barry

MOST FUN of All - LADIES' NITE



Stan Johnson with guest Ray Burke

by Bob Burt

June 1st came and went, but will be long remembered as Ladies' Nite by Torske members. June and December are the two monthly meetings set aside for wives and friends to attend the Men's club meeting and both are thoroughly enjoyed.

Over 130 members, wives and guests were present at this semi-annual affair. Boss Kaare Askildt welcomed all those present, and Anders Anderson to give the Norwegian table grace. The gathering then sat and enjoyed the black cod and vegetables. Many, many 'Skals' with akvavit, beer, wine and liqueur followed.

The Master of Ceremonies, Jarl Omholt-Jensen, kept the gathering thoroughly entertained. Table guests were introduced, followed by business and fun.

Anders Anderson extended an open invitation to members and friends to attend Lac St. Cyr, the weekend of June 11-13th for St. Hans Fest celebrations.

Ken Domier spoke of the delegates that will be attending District 4 Sons of Norway Convention at Billings, Montana, June 17-20th.

The offing was explained by Anders Anderson. A Casino is to be held June 16-17th at a hall North of Jasper Avenue on 112 Street. Money raised at this Club activity will be divided between the Nordic Ski Club, the Language Camp fund and the Ski for Light program. Further, Gary Johnson and Kaare Askildt have been training for the 26 mile 'Edmonton Marathon' to be held Sept. 5th starting and finishing at the Commonwealth Stadium. The two local runners have asked that members and friends sponsor them through Kaare Askildt and stated that if they finish the race, money pledged will go to Ski for Light and the Language Camp.

Ole Hovind, Cross Country ski instructor and guide from Lake Louise to Skoki Lodge, was honored by the Broens and Petersons with the presentation of a T-Shirt labelled in front, in Norwegian, "God Demm Leader", and on the back, "Skoki".

Harv Haugen entertained by blowing balloons, and making many kinds of animals which he passed out.

New members to Torske Klubben, Les Finch, Ron Nichol and Peter Finstad were initiated before the guests and admitted to the Club.

Jarl Omholt-Jensen introduced the guest speaker, Randy Morse. Randy is a local Book Publisher; his business "Reidmore Books". He is a mountain climber, and climbed in the Himalayas several years ago. He is a member of Ski for Light and a blind skier guide. Randy was born in the U.S.A., but spent a number of years in Norway and Sweden, where he married a Swedish writer.

Mr. Morse introduced himself as representing the Swedish Information Bureau. With film and com-

mentary he roasted Norway, its beautiful cities, roads and mountains. He laid on thick the ideas Sweden has of Norway. The film he showed was of the Himalayan Alps, which he paralleled with Norwegian beauty sights. Everyone loved it, and responded in true good-natured Norwegian fashion.

Ron Nichol, on behalf of Torske Klubben and those present, extended a hearty vote of thanks to Randy Morse for a most amusing

talk. He was presented a Norwegian Beer mug, a T-Shirt and a bottle of Akvavit.

Then, for the excellence of his performance as M.C., Jarl Omholt-Jensen was presented a Beer mug, a Torske Klubben T-Shirt and a bottle of Akvavit, by Ole Hovind.

It was a full evening of entertainment and fun, and will hold the members satisfied until Sept. 7th, when the Club will again commence their Fall meetings.

ORIENTEERING — The Sport Invented by Scandinavians!

Orienteering originated in Scandinavia in the 1920's in Scandinavia and emigrated to Edmonton in 1978 when the Edmonton Overlanders Orienteering Club was formed. The club runs a number of 'O' meets in summer and cross-country ski 'O' meets in winter in and around Edmonton.

Orienteering is a sport to promote fitness for ALL ages and fitness levels, using the great outdoors, a map, and a compass. A pre-set course is marked on the map, and the orienteer finds the way around the course in the least possible time and by the best possible route.

It is often called 'Cunning Running' because it involves thinking and decision-making in the navigation of the route. And it's fun!

At each 'O' meet there are courses of various lengths and difficulties set up, and classes for all age levels — from under 12 years to over 53 years old. There is also a 'Wayfarer' class for those who want to walk and navigate a short course; this often appeals to families with small children or babies in their backpacks. In addition there are also longer and progressively harder courses for more competitive runners with more experience.

At each event a beginners' clinic

is held which prepares anyone to complete a short course.

The Edmonton Overlanders Orienteering Club invites YOU to come out to our meets — to compete or wayfare, or to help set up and officiate. There must be some Scandinavian experts out there!

We would also very much like to hear from anyone with information on the history of Orienteering, or on meets in other countries.

Our next meet, the Provincial O-Cup Challenge, is a four-day event: September 11 and 12 at Bruderheim, hosted by the Edmonton Overlanders O Club; September 25 and 26 at Pocaterra Creek, hosted by the Calgary Foothills Wanderers O Club. Five courses will be offered each day and the fee is \$4.00 per day.

The Bruderheim Meet Competition Centre is the Bruderheim School, and it begins on Saturday at noon and at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. Beginners are welcome, and a free introductory clinic is offered each day.

Compasses are available to rent, and whistles are for sale. Whistles are mandatory.

For more information on this meet phone Chris Reid at 429-0704, or Peter Wong at 487-7099.

Come out and join us in this great, fun sport!

DANIA DOINGS

by the Board of Directors, Danish Society 'Dania'
FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK - JOHN KRISTENSEN

The new Scandinavian Centre fund-raising campaign was unveiled recently. Details of the campaign appeared in the June issue of "Scandinavian Centre News". In addition, all shareholders have been sent attractive descriptive brochures concerning the new building, along with instructions regarding the Share Selling Campaign. Briefly, every existing shareholder (and there are about 3,000) has been asked to sell two shares at \$50.00 each to new shareholders, who in turn will be asked to sell two shares each, and so on. If this chain of share selling remains unbroken, in no time, the Scandinavian Centre Co-op will have enough money to commence building the new Centre.

Not only will participants of this campaign be contributing to the building of a new Centre, but for every two shares that each participant sells, his/her name is entered into a draw for two air-fare tickets to Scandinavia. This well thought out fund raising campaign has the potential for raising a large sum of money within a relatively short time period. I encourage all shareholders who are also members of Dania to participate, and encourage Dania members who presently are not shareholders of the Scandinavian Centre Co-op to purchase one or more shares.

Also related to the plans for the new Centre, the meeting held with the Minister of Culture on June 9 was most encouraging. The meeting, attended by the Honourable Mary LeMessurier, Christian Gurney (Director of Cultural Facility Development), Eileen Peterson, Sig Sorenson, Lis Saxton and John Kristensen, included a discussion of the history of the Centre's dealings with the City of Edmonton regarding sale of the old Centre and subsequent purchases of land including the purchase of the existing 3.33 acres at 17456 - 102 Avenue. Discussions centred around a very well-prepared letter presented earlier to the Minister by Eileen Peterson, which summarized the Centre's dealings with the City. The Minister is interested in ensuring that the Co-op has been and will be treated fairly by the City.

LAST BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

The following issues were discussed at the last Dania Board meeting held on June 30, 1982:

Sct. Hans Aften -- Approximately 60 people (including children) came out to John and Sharon Kristensen's acreage on June 23 to celebrate Sct. Hans Aften. Everyone roasted weiners and marshmallows, the younger children played until the Sandman slowed them down, and the adults took pleasure in meeting old and new friends. A recent immigrant from Norway even attended the function -- we certainly welcome Scandinavians, other than Danes, to partake in our functions. The 8-foot straw witch was burned at dusk, and was a tougher old lady than we had anticipated. She stood in flames for about 20 minutes before finally toppling over in the fire pit. The kids cheered and the adults sang the famous Sct. Hans song. The evening ended with a sing-song around the fire. The weather was perfect, and everyone appeared to have had a good time. Next year's Sct. Hans Aften will be planned for a weekend, so we know that we do not have to go to work the next day.

Cultural Heritage Tenth Anniversary -- Dania's Secretary and President attended a reception at the Edmonton Art Gallery on June 29 to celebrate this event. The evening consisted of several speeches by Ministry of Culture officials, several ethnic musical interludes, snacks from various countries, and much communication among attendees.

Cultural Grant -- John Kristensen will explore the possibilities of Dania receiving a grant from the Ministry of Culture to diffray some of its operating costs.

AUGUST 29 DANIA FAMILY PICNIC

We have reserved a large space (Site 2) at Borden Park for our Family Picnic on Sunday, August 29, 1982. The park is located adjacent to the Northlands Exhibition Grounds. Our space is set aside from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Bring your own food, glasses, eating utensils, beverage, and kids (of course, it is not necessary that you have kids in order to attend the picnic). We will plan to eat lunch between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. Games (3-legged race, wheelbarrow race, frisby-throwing contest, etc.) will commence between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. There will be surprise prizes for all events. Perhaps, we can convince Niels Lundquist to bring his guitar for a sing-song.

DANMARK SET FRA EDMONTON

- en friks rapport om Danmark og danskerne by Helge Krogh

FOLKETINGET ER TAGET PAA SOMMERFERIE og som vi siger i Canada, siger man nu ogsaa i Danmark: Saa gor de da ingen skade saalange! Den enkelte dansker blev nemlig taget temmelig dybt i tegnebogen ved det sidste forlig og den tilhorende okonomiske afgift-spakke. Skatteskruen blev strammet og der kom saa store ekstraafgifter paa snaps, oi, tobak og benzin, mm. , at det skønnes at komme til at koste den danske gennemsnitsforbruger 1.500 kroner ekstra om aaret. Ialt 3,5 milliarder kroner i statskassen. Pengene skal bruges til at betale for regeringens beskafdigelsesplan og til landsbrugsstotte. Det seneste ledighedstal fortaller, at hver tiende dansker nu er arbejdslos og at 235.000 familier i 1981 hentede kontanthjalp paa bistandskontoret. Samtidig med disse tal kom meddelelsen om, at radio-og tv-fabrikken Bang & Olufsen i Struer har afskediget 1050 medarbejdere efter en lonstrejke.

STATSMINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN synes at have bragt Danmark i et saa stærkt modsatningsforhold til USA, at præsident Ronald Reagan tover med at modtage ham i anledning af, at Danmark overtog formandsposten for De Europasiske Fallesskaber, EF, den 1. juli. Det har hidtil varet praksis, at EF's skiftende formand har aflagt den amerikanske præsident et besog efter invitation, men Danmark har ingen invitation faaet, angiveligt fordi Danmark synes at indtage en stadig mere kritisk holdning over for USA. Isar har statsministerens udtalelser tidligere i aar om amerikansk dobbeltmoral i konflikten i El Salvador vakt amerikansk utilfredshed. Selv mener Anker Jorgensen ikke, at Reagan "for alvor er sur paa Danmark".

BERLINGSKE TIDENDE LEVER VIDERE, men ejes nu af dansk erhvervsliv. Det Berlingske Officin, populart kaldet "Tante Berlinger", har lange varet i okonomiske vanskeligheder, og der skulle bruges 160 millioner kroner til en rekonstruktion. Det lykkedes at rejse pengene i yderste ojeblibk fra ialt 80 større og mindre danske erhvervsvirksomheder, hvoraf Dan Danske Bank, tidligere Landmandsbanken, indskod omkring 20 mill. kr. og A.P. Moller koncernen omkring 48 mill. kr. Saa hermed er Tante Berlinger paa en maade dod og op af asken rejser sig nu det mere ordinare selskab "Det Berlingske Selskab of 1982 A/S".

NEWS FROM FEDERATION OF DANISH ASSOCIATIONS IN CANADA

The Federation received a list of "Books About Denmark" from "Det Danske Selskab, The Danish Institute for Information about Denmark and Cultural Cooperation with other Nations". If you are interested in any of these books (that are for sale), please contact John Kristensen at 467-1432.

ASSISTANCE WITH SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE CO-OP FUND RAISING

Gudrun, the Scandinavian Centre Co-op Office Manager, will be telephoning shareholders as a follow-up to the fund raising material they received in the mail. Since there are about 3000 shareholders, this will be a time-consuming task. If you can spare half an hour or one hour to assist Gudrun in phoning shareholders, please contact either Gudrun at 484-1007 or John Kristensen at 467-1432. A few helpers will make the job go a lot faster.

DANIA T-SHIRTS COMING

Watch for the Dania T-shirts. They soon will be available for sale, in all sizes.

BE A VIKING FOR A WEEK

Sons of Norway will hold their 10th annual Language and Culture Camp at Camp Kuriakos, Sylvan Lake August 15th to 22nd, with a theme of "The Year of the Viking".

Hosted by Aspelund Lodge No. 571, assisted by the Department of Culture of Alberta, the camp is open to everyone from 12 years of age and up. The cost is \$65.00 per camper, and some hook-ups are available.

Competent and knowledgeable instructors from Alberta and Saskatchewan will supervise wood-carving, needlecraft, rosemaling, folk-dancing, ethnic cooking, Norwegian language classes, and sports activities.

Camp Kuriakos is located approximately 25 miles west of Red Deer on Highway 11, on the south shore of beautiful Sylvan Lake; just watch for the signs along the highway and you'll have no trouble finding it. Come prepared to have a good time!

For further information call or write: Peggy Frizzell, Apt. 403, 3307 - 51 Avenue Cl., Red Deer T4N 6H9, phone 346-2652.

ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

by Ninna Campbell

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 7 — Dedication of Stephan G. Stephansson Home, Markerville, Alberta

The opening of the Stephan G. Stephansson home and its dedication will be one of the most important North American-Icelandic cultural events of this century. Don't miss it!!

Have a good summer!

ONE of ALBERTA'S Swedish PIONEERS



S.A. (Lindy) LINDAHL

S.A. Lindahl was born in Urshult, Smaland, Sweden, and came to Canada in 1927. After having spent ten days crossing the Atlantic, and five days on an immigration train from Halifax, he arrived in Alberta.

He first came to the farm of his aunt and her husband in the Meeting Creek district, and hired out as a farm hand at \$30.00 a month, milking cows morning and night, driving horses in the daytime, and doing all kinds of farm work.

Lindy, as he was called by his friends, went to Peers with thirteen other Swedish immigrants to hew railroad ties at 12¢ a tie; the first

day he made seven ties but paid \$1.50 for board. Later on he was able to make twenty-one ties a day.

His next job was at Castor in the Nu-Way stores at \$50.00 a month. After two months he was moved to Innisfree to manage the store there. In 1932 he was transferred to Westlock to manage the Nu-Way store there.

At that time there were 300 people in Westlock, five general stores, two hardware stores, one bank and one hotel; the sidewalks were made of wood. In 1935 Mr. Lindahl bought a half interest in the Nu-Way store and changed the name to Lindahl and Company.

In 1936 he married Marie Miller from Strome.

His small store at that time was heated by a pot-bellied stove which had to be kept going all night in cold weather. Coal was stored outdoors in an old piano-box, and firewood came from the farmers and homesteaders who traded it for merchandise. It was a long way from the present Lindahl's Supermarket which celebrated its 50th anniversary in Westlock in June of this year.

Mr. Lindahl contributed greatly to his community, and supported our Scandinavian Centre as a shareholder; he died in 1978. Mrs. Lindahl still lives in Westlock.

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

by Edythe Johnson
and Lois Halberg

COMING EVENTS:

September 7 - Torske Klubben, Army & Navy Club, 6:30 p.m.

September 18 - Barbecue and General Meeting — place to be named

October 30 - Leif Erickson Banquet - Faculty Club

November 17 - Election and Bingo - Lions Sr. Citizens' Centre - 7:30 p.m.

December 12 - Christmas Party - Lions Sr. Citizens' Centre - 2:30 p.m.

Norman and Johanne Nilsen celebrated Syttende Mai in Norway.

Knut and Rose Svidal spent a weekend in Calgary where they visited with Ed and Lillian Ness.

Visiting in June with Gary and Evelyn Johnson were Evelyn's sister Georgette from St. Catharines, Ont., and Evelyn's mother, Mrs. Blais, from Delmar, Saskatchewan.

Kaare Svidal, number 3 son of Knut and Rose Svidal, has taken up ski diving and has had his first jump.

Recent visitors at the Andersons were Anders and Inge's cousin and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Estenstad from Trondheim, Norway.

The Sewing Group enjoyed the wind-up picnic at Hawrelak Park.

Sig Sorenson attended a world-wide million-dollar Round Table Insurance Convention on June 17th in Atlanta, Georgia. Selma spent the time visiting in Chauvin and surrounding community.

Ellsworth and Lois Halberg spent a few days in Prince George where they attended the wedding of their nephew, Bill Gumbleton. Returning home with them were three of Ellsworth's sisters: Ruth Johnson and Norma Main of Langley, B.C., and Evelyn Gumbleton of Burnaby, B.C.

Glen Huser attended an English Seminar in Chicago at the end of June.

Bea and Harry Huser attended the Alberta Senior Games at Camrose on July 14th and 15th; they are finalists in Scrabble and Horseshoes. Bea received first in Scrabble and Harry 2nd in Horseshoes to take them to the finals.

The large Swedish Dala Horse which Harry Huser carved and painted can be viewed at Ikea for the next short while. The horse has been donated to the Scandinavian Centre and will soon be picked up.

Wally Broen will be flying his Zenith 2-seat metal plane to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to a 'fly-in' the first week in August. This is a plane which Wally built himself.

After the Sons of Norway Convention in Billings, Montana, Ruth and Henry Logan visited relatives in South Dakota, Minnesota and Manitoba. Their granddaughter, Lesley Anne Johnson, is now visiting them and attending figure-skating school.

Ken and Selma Domier also went on from Billings to Fargo, North Dakota, Madison, Wisconsin, and Norquay, Saskatchewan, bringing Ken's parents, Helmer and Ida Domier, home with them.

Kay and Bernie Olafson and family, and Ed and Elva Veis and family, travelled together to Waterton Lakes and Fairmont. Ed and Elva and family went on to Spokane and Penticton.

Doug and Gail Peterson and their daughter are visiting in Norway and Sweden.

Peter and Dot Sorenson, nephews of Emeth Clark, recently visited with Gladys and Emeth. Emeth's family got together for a barbecue to celebrate his 65th birthday.

Molly Cooper and brothers Herman and Haakon of Viking left for Norway at the end of July.

Orla and Sven Tychsen have Sven's sister and her husband, and his niece and her husband, visiting from Denstrup, Denmark, for three weeks, and will be taking them for a trip to Jasper and Banff.

Paula and Henning Jacobsen will be spending a month at their cabin at a lake in Ontario during this month.

Martha and Iver Venoasen and their son, Henry, and his wife, Lois, spent a week holidaying at Penticton.

Gary and Evelyn Johnson spent a week's holiday at Windermere, and Fairmont, B.C., and attended the wedding of Gary's cousin, Fern Anderson, at Cranbrook.

Cliff and Edythe Johnson, and Edythe's mother, Annie Anderson, attended the wedding of Edythe's niece, Fern Anderson, on July 10th, and drove to Norquay, Saskatchewan, to attend the 75th anniversary of that town.

CURLING & BOWLING WINNERS



Curling trophy winners: Ken and Selma Domier; Rose and Sev Berge



Garth and Sharon Travis with bowling trophies



With bowling trophies are Tony, Ann, Peter, Brian and Peter Hansen

NORDSTJARNAN MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Charter members — Bernice Garbe, Norman Olson, Gudrun Lind, Tillie Sjoborg, Elvira Anderson, Carl Brown, Lena Brown, Karin Thorsen, Louis Thorsen.

by Annie Holmlund

A Celebration of Remembrance was the joyous occasion which marked the 50th Anniversary of Nordstjarnan Lodge No. 575, Vasa Order of America, at Falun, Alberta, held at the Lone Ridge Hall on Saturday, May 1, 1982. Highlight of this special event was the honouring of the nine charter members, all of whom were able to be present.

Festivities began with a social hour before approximately one hundred people were seated at the banquet tables. Grace was said by Dan Edin, and everyone enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner complemented by traditional Swedish meatballs, pickled herring, thin bread, and rosettes.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was chairman Henry Sjogren, who introduced the head

table. Congratulatory messages or gifts were received from Grand Master Andrew Wendell, Grand Lodge; Deputy Glen Eliasson, Grand Lodge Cultural Director for Canada Linnea Lodge, Past District Master Margaret Lundgren; sister Lodges Branting, Calgary; Skandia, Edmonton; Buford, Calmar; Norden, Meeting Creek; and Lethbridge.

It was a pleasure to have Grand Lodge Executive Board Member and District Treasurer, Bert Johnsson, and District Master, Lennart Petersson, present, enabling them to extend personal congratulations and best wishes. Sister lodges represented were Branting, Skandia, Buford and Norden.

Reminiscences of the past history of the lodge were given by

Ronald Holmlund. District Master Lennart Petersson presented Membership Pins to each of the charter members: Bernice Garbe, Norman Olson, Gudrun Lind, Tillie Sjoborg, Elvira Anderson, Carl Brown, Lena Brown, Karin Thorsen, and Louis Thorsen.

An Honourary Membership Certificate was presented to Bernice Garbe by District Deputy, Annie Holmlund. Honoured members were also the recipients of Scandinavian candleholders presented by Cultural Director, Harry Holmlund.

Happy hours were spent with old and new acquaintances. Dancing to the superb music provided by Rod Jensen's orchestra was most enjoyable. Some of the tunes brought back many memories.

Lunch was served before the entertainment came to a close.

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CULTURAL CORNER

by Astrid Hope,
Cultural Director,
Solglyt Lodge,
Sons of Norway

On May 12th the Free-loaders entertained the residents at Dr. Angus McGugan Nursing Home on the occasion of another special social evening. Spirits were provided to add to the festivity of the evening. Since then the Free-loaders have been invited to come again.

On June 29th Astrid Hope, among many others from Alberta ethnic groups, was invited by Alberta Culture to attend a Cultural Heritage Reception celebrating the new format of the magazine 'Heritage'.

For the tenth anniversary a new coloured cover had been designed.

The reception was feted with wine and hors d'oeuvres of several countries. Beth Bryant welcomed those who attended, followed by Hon. Mary LeMessurier, Minister of Culture, who brought greetings.

A short musical interlude of East Indian classical dance, followed by South American music, concluded the event.

This new format should contribute enormous bursts of colour to Alberta's ethnic mosaic.

On July 1st the management of Ikea, the Swedish-designed furniture store, did something very unique — they held a Christmas Dinner with a Swedish touch!

Their aim was to provide something in summer-time to senior citizens who are more or less isolated throughout the rest of the year — and Christmas is a time of good feeling within the family, home and heart.

Ikea did all that! Specially decorated tables, with umbrellas, were set up in front of the store. At 1:00 p.m. a traditional family Christmas meal, buffet style, was served. A Christmas tree decorated in Swedish style stood nearby. Santa Moose paraded around, clowning and adding to the merriment of the guests.

An interesting ice-carving demonstration took place closeby. A huge block of ice dwindled down to what were definitely the forms of a fish and a swan.

At 2:00 p.m. a sky-diver landed in the sectioned-off area of the Ikea parking lot — right on!

And Santa Moose didn't forget anyone — a special gift was presented to each of the celebrants.

During the meal the costumed Colchester Children's Choir sang several Yuletide carols to heighten the Christmassy mood.

Chartered buses returned the guests to their respective senior citizens' residences - Holyrood and Milbourne Manor. The greeting 'Gledelig Jul' was likely on the tips of all their tongues.

It's not long now till Language Camp. See you there!

PARTIAL LIST OF ICELANDIC BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE MULTILINGUAL BIBLIOSERVICE

CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

"Smalastulkan Sem For Ut I Uida Verold" by Axel Thorsteinsson

"Dansi, Dansi Duickman Min" by David Askelsson

"Stafröfkuer" by Egil Thorlaksson (An introduction to the Icelandic alphabet and easy reading)

"Disa Og Aevintyrin" by Kari Tryggvason

"Fljugandi Fiskisaga" by Nina Tryggvadottir

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"Krummahollin" by Bjorn Danielsson

BIOGRAPHIES:

"Med Oddi Og Egg - Minningar Rikards Jonssonar" — Sketches from the life of an Icelandic sculptor, partly written by him, in the form of travel diaries, partly resulting from interviews.

"Lengi Man Til Litilla Stunda" by Eyjolfur Gudmundsson — The author recalls his childhood and schooldays in Iceland before the turn of the century.

"Islenskt Mannlif I, II & III, IV" by Jon Helgason — A collection of stories dealing with memorable people and events in Iceland's history.

"Huguitsmadurinn; Hjortur Thorarsson Rafmagns Fraedingur I

Chicago" — by Steingrímur Jonsson — The illustrated life story of a famous electrical engineer, inventor and book collector who came to the U.S.A. from Iceland.

"Fataekt Folic: Aeviminningar" by Tryggvi Emilsson — Autobiography of an Icelandic writer who grew up in great poverty.

BOOKS IN 29 LANGUAGES

by Ninna Campbell

The Multilingual Bibloservice branch of Alberta Culture is now providing readers with books written in 29 languages. Four Scandinavian languages are represented in this group: Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish. About half of these books are already in the Main Branch of the Edmonton Public Library and are found in the section marked "Other Languages". They can also be obtained by requesting your branch library to obtain them.

This special service is being utilized by readers of the entire province of Alberta, and one may have to wait for a specific book. For more details you can contact Alberta Culture Library Service at 427-2556.

STEPHANSSON HOUSE DECLARED HISTORIC SITE

The restored residence of Stephan G. Stephansson, one of Iceland's most famous poets, will officially open as a Provincial Historic Site, on August 7th, 1982.

Born in northern Iceland in 1853, Stephansson immigrated first to Wisconsin and then, in 1889, to Alberta. Located in the unpopulated country west of the Red Deer River, the new settlement, called Tindastoll, Stephansson was a successful farmer, and was in fact, the first in the area to grow grain successfully.

In his spare time, however, Stephansson was a poet, whose works, written only in Icelandic, romanticized Iceland and its history. Because of his amazing knowledge of the language, style and forms found in the ancient literature of the viking era, Stephansson was ultimately credited with the rejuvenation of the Icelandic culture. The most famous of Iceland's farmer-poets,

Stephansson died on August 10, 1927. A literary hero in his native Iceland, Stephansson is finally being recognized in his adopted land.

Uninhabited for a number of years, his house had fallen into a state of disrepair by the 1970s. The Icelanders' concern for the house resulted in its designation as a Provincial Historic Resource on May 18, 1976. The restored house will be officially opened on August 7th, 1982 at 2 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the opening. Free parking will be available at the Markerville Park, with free bus service to the site. No parking is available at Stephansson House. In attendance will be Mr. Ingvar Gislason, Minister of Culture and Education of Iceland; Rosa Benediktson, Stephansson's daughter; the Icelandic Consul for Alberta; and 230 Icelandic visitors who are coming especially for the dedication ceremonies. All are welcome to attend.

DANISH CANADIAN CONFERENCE

Held in Vancouver, May 29-30, 1982

The Federation of Danish Associations in Canada held the first national Danish Canadian Conference ever to be held in Canada, at the Bosman's Motor Hotel, 1060 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C., on May 29-30, 1982. The theme of the Conference was "Danish Canadian Priorities". The aim of the Conference was to discuss and establish the concerns and priorities of the Danish Canadian community.

The delegates at the Conference clearly expressed their desire to see Danish Canadians represented on the many multicultural councils and committees, on equal terms with other ethnic groups. Danish Canadians too want to be consulted when the government makes decisions on ethnic and multicultural matters.

The creation of the Federation was, among other things, a manifestation of our desire to establish closer cooperation among the various Danish Canadian organizations across Canada. It was therefore agreed to exchange newsletters and bulletins, to keep each other informed - and in order to share ideas and experiences. As well, there was a marked interest in exchanging films, books and groups of young people.

The Federation of Danish Associations in Canada had been established a year earlier, on June 7, 1981, at Sunset Villa in Puslinch, Ontario. Just before the Conference in Vancouver, the New Denmark Historical Society in New Denmark, N.B. and the newspaper MODERSMAALET joined the Federation. It now consists of 17 member-organizations.

The Conference was organized by the Federation's Pacific Region, whose President, Poul B.

Christensen, was elected to chair the Conference. The Pacific Region had also prepared a 70 page Conference Booklet, which contained greetings and messages from, among others, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Opposition Leader Joe Clark, the Minister for Multiculturalism Jim Fleming, B.C. Premier William R. Bennett, B.C. Government Services Minister Evan M. Wolfe, Denmark's Ambassador to Canada, Mr. Vagn Korsbaek, Danish Consul Donn Larsen as well as The Danish Institute in Copenhagen. Copies of the Conference Booklet will now be distributed to various government departments, organizations, libraries, etc.

Besides Consul Donn Larsen, who is Honorary Director of the Federation, the delegates included Robert Brinkman, New Denmark Historical Society; Erling Nielsen, Danish Canadian Society, Montreal; Rolf Buschardt Christensen, The Danish Club of Ottawa; Esther Machacynski, Danish Canadian Club of Kingston; Herbert Rasmussen, Sunset Villa; Martha Larsen, Danish Canadian Bowling Club, Hamilton; Herbert Jorgensen, Royal Danish Guards' Association, Eastern Canada; Les Bonke, Danish Canadian Club, Calgary; John Kristensen, Danish Society "Dania", Edmonton; Poul B. Christensen, The Danish Community Centre of Vancouver; Mogens B. Mogensen, Danish Brotherhood in America, Vancouver Lodge 328; Ulf Jensen, Royal Danish Guards' Association, Pacific Northwest; Svend Mollgaard, Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, Vancouver; and Gunnar Kristensen, Scandinavian Canadian Friendship Association, Kolding. Present were also many observers, among them, Lili Nielsen, Danish Society "Dania",

Edmonton; Garry Elmberg, Danish Community Centre of Vancouver, and Knud Elgaard, Dania Society, Burnaby.

Consul Finn K. Petersen, Vancouver, came with greetings Saturday night. As well, B.C. Cultural Heritage Advisor Enrico A. Diano gave an excellent talk on multiculturalism.

The Rev. Jens Arendt bid everyone welcome to Vancouver at the Church Service Sunday morning. Lunch was served at Dania Home, the old people's home in Burnaby. A guided tour of the home was later given by Dania Society President Knud Elgaard and Mrs. Ellen Troelsen.

Regarding the Federation's Board of Directors, Rolf Buschardt Christensen was re-elected as President, Martha Larsen was re-elected as Secretary and Esther Machacynski was re-elected as Treasurer. The Regional Presidents and Directors are elected in the Regions.

The Treasurer was able to present a good healthy financial statement, thanks largely to a grant from Secretary of State for Multiculturalism. In his Annual Report, the President emphasized the importance of multiculturalism and its significance for each of the individual ethnic groups as well as for society as a whole.

In short it can be said that this Danish Canadian Conference in Vancouver is one of the most important events to have occurred in the Danish Canadian community in Canada. All delegates thought the Conference was a smashing success, and it was decided to meet again next year in Quebec. The invitation came from The Danish Canadian Society, Montreal, one of the founder-organizations of the FEDERATION OF DANISH ASSOCIATIONS IN CANADA.

A PERFECT WEEKEND

by Bob Burt

This is the sixth year Sons of Norway members have enjoyed St. Hans Fest celebrations as guests of the Andersons at Lac St. Cyr.

Friday evening, June 12, members began arriving and finally totalled fifty members, friends and families. The weekend was perfect, with bright sunshine throughout.

Per Nielsen, Sports Director, was one busy man. He organized, ran, supervised and kept track of all the sports events throughout the weekend. There was fishing all weekend, horseshoe pitch competitions, rolling pin throw, and log-sawing competitions.

Fishing was most exciting for the McBrides and the Krogans, FOR BETWEEN THEM THEY CAUGHT NEAR FIFTY FISH. Craig Krogans was the weekend winner in Men's largest number caught. Teresa Mockfor won for both junior and ladies most fish caught. Mark Veis won for Junior boy's biggest fish. Jeffrey Nielsen was the proud winner of the biggest children's catch and the catch of the weekend, a 23" Jackfish. Ann-Marit Johnson won the most fish caught by a child.

All this fish-catching kept those men cleaning fish very busy and Harry Huser is again to be thanked for his part.



Ken Domier and Anders Anderson look at a pair of beauties

Anderson. It is worth mentioning that over the past number of years Ken Domier has been a consistent second-place runner. So near and yet so far, but that's the game, second place just don't count!



Jeffrey Nielsen displays his prize-winning catch

In the Ladies' horse-shoe pitch Glen Pittis and Elva Veis were winners over Jan Olafson and Selma Domier. The girls are getting good at this game now.

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In the Ladies' Rolling Pin throw, A. Janette Burt was winner, surpassing the others by a long shot. Betty McKevitt was second in that event.

In the Ladies' Log-Sawing contest Eleanor Anderson was the unmatched winner, as she sliced off the log in record time; A. Janette Burt was runner up.

In the Nail-pounding contest Gail Peterson was the winner with Betty Anderson a close second.

Healthy breakfasts were served Saturday and Sunday mornings as pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee vanished from the counter. Lunch was comparatively light, but when it came barbecue time the steaks really spread. Everyone enjoyed their time spent at the grill, and walked away with potatoes and steak cooked to a T, and plenty of fixings were available to go with them. Desserts were available at all times. This was another weekend when one had to say, 'I'll start dieting Monday'.

The trophies were given out Sunday morning by Gary Johnson, acting on behalf of Per Nielsen, Sports Director, together with President Ken Domier.

On behalf of the guests Ken Domier awarded tokens of gratitude to Inge and Betty and Anders and Eleanor Anderson, for another most enjoyable weekend; to Inge and Betty a hand-made filleting knife, and to Anders and Eleanor a handmade Chef's knife.

The weather couldn't have co-operated better nor the sunset been more beautiful for the St. Hans Fest campfire. It was another of those perfect, memorable times when good friends meet to enjoy the fraternal fellowship of members of Sons of Norway.



Dale McBride and Craig Krogans catch the most fish



Eleanor Anderson cuts a mean bite



St. Hans Fest fire and sing-song



Ken Domier makes presentations to Betty, Inge, Eleanor and Anders Anderson



Craig Krogan and Dale McBride fillet fish

SONS OF NORWAY HOLD 40th BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Bob Burt

Delegates and their spouses travelled South to attend the Sons of Norway 40th Biennial District 4 Convention, June 17-19, at Billings, Montana. Three cars began a convoy June 15th, carrying Ken and Selma Domier, Allen and Brenda Letentre, Sev and Rose Berge, Bob and A. Jan Burt, and Astrid Hope. They remained together through thick and thin, arriving at Billings just before the cloudburst June 16th. The water flooded the streets and basements; the storm sewers could not handle the deluge.

All members registered at the hotel and settled in. Other members of the Edmonton delegation included Ruth and Henry Logan, Per and Sandy Nielsen, Harv, Betty and Tom Haugen, and

Gary Johnson. Due to the absence of delegate Peter Hansen, an alternative had to be named. A toss-up between Henry Logan and myself resulted in Bob Burt being named the eighth delegate.

The first night Astrid Hope and I attended the Folk Dance workshop at the Congregational Church, but it was a washout. I volunteered to help with the bucket brigade to get the flooded water out of the basement.

Entries for competition of Newsletters, Scrap Books and Trolls were registered, and there were many competitive entries.

The Conference officially got underway with the theme "VAR ARV" (Our Heritage). The Board of Directors were introduced to the

253 delegates representing 50 lodges. It was agreed that the 15 Directors and International Officers present would have voting rights.

The first article passed was that there be no smoking during the Sessions. As the days progressed with a whirlwind of meetings, sessions, activities, caucuses, breaks and displays, we hardly had time for a meal.

The minutes were read, and reports given by the various com-

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mittees. Per Nielsen was Chairman of Sports & Recreation. He indicated that the 4th District contributed \$750.00, and the International Board \$1,000.00 for sports activities. He moved that this fund be increased by the District to \$1,500.00. It was noted that over the past two years Calgary had received \$325.00, Grande Prairie \$145.00, Edmonton \$240.00 and Camrose \$85.00. These were just the contributions made to Canadian Clubs. It was announced that awards for top male and female 5-pin bowlers for 1981-82 went to John Faust and Isobel Peterson, both of Camrose. A request was made that these awards be continued. A suggestion was made that each zone have a sports weekend annually and that groups co-operate with the Sports Director. Funds for sports activities are to be allocated in this order; on the basis of Sports week-ends; lodges not having applied for money; then lodges having previously applied.

In the report on Cultural Outreach, it was stated that Scholarships are granted for study of the Norwegian Language and Culture at Universities in North America and Norway. Scholarships are also granted to send young people to Skogfjorden Language Camp at Bemidji, Norway. There are three \$500.00 University scholarships, three \$330.00 grants for travel study in Norway, and two \$250.00 allocations for Camp Norway. In 1981, Kelly Olson and Jennifer Kristensen of Edmonton, received scholarships. It was passed at this conference that each club be encouraged to elect a Cultural Director and a Junior Director.

Vinland National Centre at Lorette, Minn., which promotes fitness and culture, was discussed and a collection was taken, and delegate paddles were sold for \$1.00 each, for a contribution toward this Centre.

A proposed Resource Centre was discussed; the accumulation of material would be a source for the use of District Club members. Before Marshall Moy left for another conference he set forth a proposal that the Sons of Norway Foundation should be confined to fund-raising for programs of heritage, education and culture, and that the International Board of Directors be instructed to place the responsibility for this Resource Centre in the hands of the Fraternal Department. This resolution will be brought up at the International Conference at Madison, Wisc.

A further motion was made that membership cards in future indicate the date to which membership is paid. Another resolution stated that rules, guidelines and regulations covering reports and instructions on entries of newsletters, scrapbooks and trolls, be forwarded to the lodges by the District Secretary by the first of February prior to the District Convention. Further that each lodge acknowledge receipt of this information within thirty days.

To assist new delegates in knowing and becoming familiar with the candidates to be elected, it was passed that each candidate or nominator give a three-minute presentation.

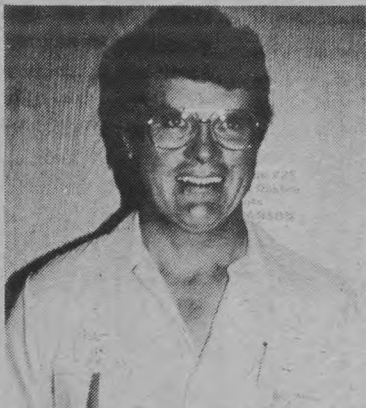
As the "Fabulous Fourth" District is the only International District, it was moved that Norway, with its recently formed lodges, be added to District IV.

A very touching Memorial Service was held at the Convention when names of members who have passed on were read. Costumed members placed a flower beside a silver Viking ship for each deceased member named. It was noted that a number of names were omitted because they had been misdirected. A proposal was made that new forms be made available in triplicate, one copy to be sent to Head Office, and one copy to the District Secretary. Using this method, names would not be missed at the service.

It was agreed that the Convention for 1986 be held at Fargo, North Dakota. The Convention for 1984 will be at Saskatoon, Sask.

Ed Ness, who has acted on the International Board for a good many years, will not stand for re-

election as Director. He was praised highly for his excellent service. After years of faithful service, Harv Haugen stepped down as Director of the Unge Venner, and Carol O'Dell was named successor to this position. The position of Vice-President was contested by Gary Johnson of Edmonton and Gil Storie of Limestown N.D. In a very, very close vote, Gil Storie was elected to that office. The District Director's nomination from Canadian Clubs was contested by Per Nielsen of Edmonton and Don Waddell of Claresholm. In a closely contested balloting Don Waddell was named the Director.



New Canadian director for District 4 — Don Waddell of Claresholm

The new slate of Officers for District 4 includes:

President - Hans Stokken; Vice President - Gilman Storie; Counselor - Kermit Lilja; Secretary - Audrey Soldheim; Treasurer - Otto Bervik; Publicity Director - Helen Jacobson; and Unge Venner Director, Carol O'Dell. In the Unge Venner elections: Tom Haugen was named President; Karl Haga - Secretary Treasurer; Phyllis Johnson - Jr. Director; and John Haga, Canadian Director.

Canadian members in caucus named representatives to attend the International Convention to be held August 14th at Madison, Wisc. These delegates included Don Waddell, John Peterson, Judy Nissen and Gary Johnson. Gary Johnson was also named the alternative for Past-President Everett Knutsvig, to act if he is unable to attend.

Throughout the convention a great deal of business transpired, but there was time for socializing.

The Convention banquet was set



Judging the scrapbooks

for well over 400 guests. The head table included the past executive members, together with the members to be installed, and their wives. A most enjoyable meal was served, followed by a full program. The head table members were introduced by Master of Ceremonies Donald Bradley. This was followed by remarks from Ken Ellingson, Convention Chairman. Greetings were also given by Roy Swanberg and Unge Venner President Tom Haugen.

Awards were then presented for "President of the Year". There was no one as surprised as A. Janette Burt, when she was named President of the Year for 1980. Congratulations certainly were in order. Similar awards were presented to Ida Martin of Calgary for President of the Year 1979; and to Solveig Nordhagen of Grande Prairie for 1981. On questioning some of the American members, they said that the Canadian clubs seemed to be much more active. The Newsletter award went to the Bismark Lodge. They provided excellent examples of interesting, eye-catching new ideas. The Troll competition was well subscribed, and trophies were awarded entries

in all categories.

The Scrap book entry from Edmonton (Solglyt #143) was well ahead of the others, there was no other entry to compare. The shield was awarded Historian A. Janette Burt with many compliments. The book had covered all conditions of the competition, and surpassed the other entries in all categories. Congratulations again Janette.

Ed Ness was the Installing Officer who duly invested the New Executive, assisted by members of the Jotunheimen Drill team, in a very colourful ceremony. On receipt of the gavel of office, President Hans Stokken addressed the gathering, pledging to promote the service of Sons of Norway during his term of office.

Entertainment was enjoyed as a group of Shriners performed with music, dance and humour. For the dance that followed music was provided by the Bomloteateret group

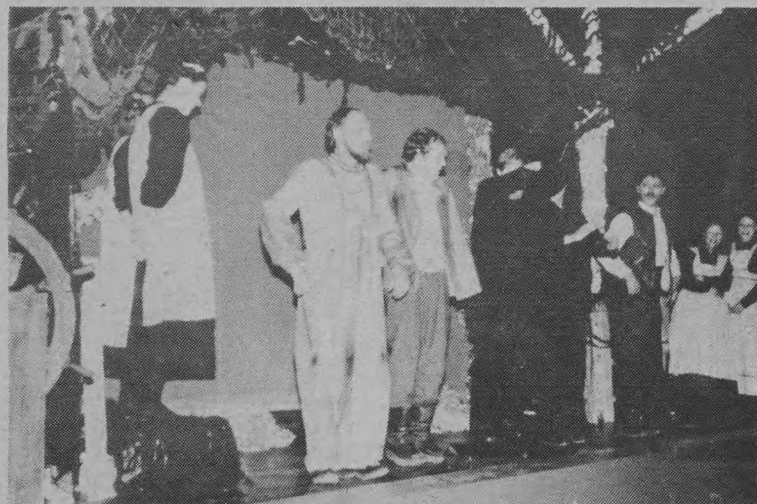


A. Jan Burt accepts shield awarded for best scrapbook

from Norway. This group entertained at a local theatre with "Vegen Har Ingen Ende", a dramatized song program, which was very well received.

The 40th Biennial Convention for Sons of Norway District 4 was carried out in the finest traditional fashion, and members of Jotunheimen #499 of Billings are to be commended for its success. The gathering of District 4 members to socialize, fraternize and promote good feelings between the lodges was exemplary.

The next District 4 Conference will be held June 14-16th, 1984 at Saskatoon, Sask., hosted by Nisse Lodge of Radisson. This undertaking will require a great deal of support from the Alberta clubs. To present a memorable conference, Canadian Clubs of District 4 will have to pull together, pool ideas and support the host club in their endeavour.



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